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SUBJECT: CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES

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- 1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REP PENSA (DIRECTOR, MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) OCTOBER 30 AND MADE REPRESENTATIONS AS REQUESTED PARA (2) REFTEL (A).
- 2. PENSA SAID ITALIAN UN DELEGATION HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WOULD PERMIT THEM TO VOTE NO ON CHARTER OF CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTAIN PROVISIONS CONTRARY TO GOI INTERESTS, IF AND WHEN CHARTER IS BROUGHT TO A VOTE AT CURRENT UNGA SESSION.

- 3. PENSA STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE GOI GENERALLY SUPPORTS USG POSITION, NO RPT NO FINAL GOI DECISION ON VOTE ON CHARTER AS A WHILE HAS YET BEEN MADE. THIS WILL DEPEND ON ATTITUDE OF OTHER EC MEMBER COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY FRG AND UK, AN OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS STILL UNDERWAY IN NEW YORK BETWEEN GROUP OF 77 AND GROUP B COUNTRIES.
- 4. PENSA EXTREMELY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANGES OF NEGOTIATIONS RESULTING IN CHARTER WHICH SUFFICIENTLY PROTECTS ITALIAN INTERESTS. HE SAID MFA SEES PARALLEL BETWEEN TACTICS USED BY GROUP OF 77 AT SIXTH SPECIAL UNGA SESSION AND WHAT IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN IN CASE OF CHARTER DURING CURRENT UNGA SESSION. NEVERTHELESS, MFA INSTRUCTIONS TO ITALIAN UN DELEGATION ARE TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS IN EFFORT ACHIEVE ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE TEXT.
- 5. LOOKING AT EC EFFORTS REACH COMMON POSITION, PENSA SAID EVEN UNDER MOST FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES NO MORE THAN SIX (6) EC MEMBER COUNTRIES WOULD BE PREPARED VOTE NO ON CHARTER AS A WHILE SHOULD IT CONTAIN UNACCEPTABLE PROVISIONS. THEREFORE, BEST POSSIBLE COMMON EC POSITION WOULD BE NEGATIVE VOTE ON INDIVIDUAL UNACCEPTABLE PARAGRAPHS AND ABSTENTION ON CHARTER AS A WHILE. SUCH A POSITION, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT RPT NOT ACCORT WITH ITALY'S OWN INTERESTS; CONSEQUENTLY GOI WOULD BE PREPARED VOTE NO ON CHARTER AS A WHILE IF AT LEAST FRG AND UK WERE PREPARED TO LIKEWISE.
- 6. PENSA STATED GOI STILL PREFERS RENEWAL OF OR NEW MANDATE (PARA 5 REFTEL B) WHICH WOULD EXTEND TIME OF WORKING GROUP CONSIDERATION OF CHARTER, BUT REALIZES THIS TACTIC HAS ALMOST NO RPT NO CHANCE OF SUCCESS. GOI FAVORS PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH VOTE ON CHARTER SO DISAGREED PORTIONS CAN BE CLEARLY RECORDED. ON CHARTER AS A WHOLE, ASSUMING CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS TO ACHIEVE SATISFACORY COMPROMISE TEXT FAIL, GOI WILL EITHER ABSTAIN OR VAOTE NO, DEPENDING ON ATTITUDE OTHER EC MEMBERS.
- 7. COMMENT: WHILE GOI CLEARLY RECOGNIZES THAT NO VOTE ON UNSATISFACTORY CHARTER WOULD BEST PROTECT ITALIAN INTERESTS, IT UNWILLING TO SO UNLESS OTHER MAJOR EC COUNTIRES CONFIDENTIAL

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TAKE SIMILAR ACTION. MFA PERFECTLY WILLING TAKE THE HEAT FROM LDC'S (ESPECIALLY MEXICO) ON THIS ISSUE, BUT NOT RPT NOT AT COST OF BEING ISOLATED WITH IN EC.

8. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS RE FRG AND UK POSITION ON CHARTER. VOLPE

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